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SUBJ: NEW MARIJUANA SEIZURE IN THE BAHAMAS

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1. BAHAMIAN MARINE POLICE SEIZED ELEVEN TONS OF MARIJUANA AND HASHISH VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN MILLION DOLLARS NOV. 7. THE DRUGS, CONTAINED IN 228 BURLAP SACKS, WERE LOCATED ON AN UNMANNED RAFT ON A REMOTE CAY OFF ELEUTHERA ISLAND AND WERE FIRST SPOTTED NOV. 5 BY THE CREW OF A POLICE LAUNCH ON ROUTINE PATROL. AFTER KEEPING THE CACHE SITE UNDER SURVEILLANCE FOR TWO DAYS, THE POLICE REPORTEDLY DESTROYED FIVE TONS ON THE SPOT, TRANSPORTING THE REMAINDER TO ARAWAK CAY ON NOV. 8. AT ARAWAK, THE CACHE WAS OFF-LOADED UNDER "HEAVY SECURITY" IN THE PRESENCE OF CID CHIEF PAUL THOMPSON AND OTHERS.

2. THE SEIZURE, DESCRIBED IN THE LOCAL PRESS AS THE SECOND LARGEST IN BAHAMAS' HISTORY, IS ALSO THE SECOND MAJOR SEIZURE IN LESS THAN A MONTH. IN MID-OCTOBER, BAHAMIAN MARINE POLICE SEIZED 9,000 POUNDS OF INDIAN HEMP ON THE FISHING BOAT "GOOD TIME IV" NEAR GREEN CAY AND ARRESTED HER FIVE-MAN FLORIDIAN CREW. (REFTEL) THE FIVE, CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY TO IMPORT DRUGS, WERE RELEASED ON DOLS 10,000 BAIL EACH OCTOBER 14. THE PRELIMINARY INQUIRY IN THAT CASE BEGINS NOVEMBER 11.

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EM THESE AND SIMILAR SEIZURES EARLIER IN THE YEAR ARE EVIDENCE

OF THE CONTINUING USE OF REMOTE BAHAMIAN CAYS AS TRANSSHIPMENT
POINTS FOR MARIJUANA ORIGINATING ELSEWHERE. GIVEN THE LIMITED
RESOURCES OF THE BAHAMAS POLICE, MARINE DIVISION, AND THE SIZE
OF THE PATROL AREA, THE AMOUNTS SEIZED COULD WELL REPRESENT
ONLY THE TIP OF AN ICEBERG.

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